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COLLEGE OF ALLIED HEALTH AND NURSING—NAPLES CAMPUS

HEALTH PROFESSIONS DIVISION

2008





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NSU MISSION STATEMENT

Nova Southeastern University is a dynamic, not-for-profit independent institution dedicated to providing high-quality educational programs of distinction from preschool through the professional and doctoral levels, as well as service to the community. Nova Southeastern University prepares students for lifelong learning and leadership roles in business and the professions. It offers academic programs at times convenient to students, employing innovative delivery systems and rich learning resources on campus and at distant sites. The university fosters inquiry, research, and creative professional activity by uniting faculty and students in acquiring and applying knowledge in clinical, community, and professional settings.

Nova Southeastern University, synonymous with dynamic innovation and intellectual challenge, is the largest independent not-for-profit university in the Southeast, and with an enrollment of more than 26,000 students, is the **sixth largest** in the United States. Situated on a beautiful, 300-acre campus in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, the university is experiencing a sustained period of academic growth, fiscal strength, and commitment to the challenges of the 21st century.

In this environment of expansion and stability, the university is capitalizing on its strengths in such areas as academic innovation, comprehensive clinical training, and flexible educational delivery systems.

Founded in 1964 as Nova University, the institution merged with Southeastern University of the Health Sciences in 1994, creating Nova Southeastern University. To date, the institution has approximately **90,000 alumni**. Fully accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the university awards associate's, bachelor's, master's, educational specialist, and doctoral degrees in a wide range of fields including the health professions, law, business, marine sciences, psychology, social sciences, computer and information sciences, and education.

The university's programs are administered through **15 academic centers** that offer courses at the main campus and at field-based locations throughout Florida; across the nation; and at selected international sites in Europe, Canada, the Pacific Rim, Central and South America, and the Caribbean.

With a budget of more than \$220 million per year and an upward trend in enrollment, the university will continue to maintain a solid record of academic and fiscal strength and excellence in teaching and community service, while expanding its mission in research and scholarship.

health professions division

As a student in the Health Professions Division of Nova Southeastern University, you can anticipate a remarkable experience. You will train, study, interact, and share faculty and resources (either campus-based or online) with students from various backgrounds and disciplines. This interdisciplinary approach distinguishes the Health Professions Division as unique and will better prepare you to master your discipline with a sensitivity and understanding of the entire health care system.

The Health Professions Division, with a student body of more than 2,500, is home to six colleges. The College of Osteopathic Medicine, the first one in the southeastern United States, grants the doctor of osteopathic medicine (D.O.) degree. The College of Osteopathic Medicine also awards the master of public health (M.P.H.) and the master of science in biomedical informatics (M.S.BI) degrees. The College of Pharmacy offers the doctor of pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree to entry-level, international, and postbaccalaureate students. The College of Optometry is the only institution in the state of Florida that awards the doctor of optometry (O.D.) degree as well as the master in clinical vision research (M.S.). The College of Allied Health and Nursing offers an entry-level bachelor of science degree in nursing (B.S.N.), as well as an R.N. to B.S.N. program, a master of science in nursing (M.S.N.) degree, a post-M.S.N. certificate, and a Ph.D. in nursing education. The college offers a physician assistant program that awards the master of medical science in physician assistant (M.M.S.) degree, and a master of occupational therapy (M.O.T.) degree, as well as the entry-level doctor of physical therapy (D.P.T.) degree. Doctoral programs are offered in occupational therapy (Ph.D./O.T., Dr.OT), physical therapy (Ph.D./P.T., D.P.T.), and audiology (Au.D.). In addition to these programs, the College of Allied Health and Nursing offers the bachelor of health science (B.H.Sc.), master of health science (M.H.Sc.), and doctor of health science (D.H.Sc.) degrees—open to midlevel clinicians and allied health professionals. There are also courses of study in bachelor of health science—vascular sonography and master of health science—anesthesiologist assistant. The College of Medical Sciences grants the master of biomedical sciences (M.B.S.) degree. In the fall of 1997, the College of Dental Medicine admitted its charter class into the doctor of dental medicine (D.M.D.) program. Now, the college also offers a master of science in dentistry (M.Sc.D.) degree, as well as postgraduate programs in endodontics, oral surgery, orthodontics, pediatric dentistry, periodontics, and prosthodontics.

The Health Professions Division occupies a \$70 million complex, covering 21 acres of the university campus. The division includes eight buildings totaling more than 900,000 square feet of space for classrooms, laboratories, offices, the Health Professions Division Library, an outpatient health center, and a pharmaceutical care center. The adjacent 1,500-vehicle parking garage overlooks the Miami Dolphins Training Camp.

letter from the chancellor



If you wish to be a leader in the health professions, Nova Southeastern University can help you reach your potential.

In less than two decades, NSU's Health Professions Division has developed into a multidisciplinary academic health center of international stature. Composed of the Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine, Pharmacy, Dental Medicine, Optometry, Allied Health and Nursing, and Medical Sciences, the Health Professions Division has redoubled its commitment to academic excellence, innovation, and community service, while expanding its mission in research and scholarship. Working together, our distinguished faculty members prepare students for an exciting career on tomorrow's dynamic health care team.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Fred Lippman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small apostrophe at the end.

Fred Lippman, R.Ph., Ed.D.
Chancellor

physician assistants

EXTENDING THE HEALTH CARE TEAM The physician assistant profession was born at Duke University in the mid-1960s and was conceptualized by Eugene A. Stead, Jr., M.D. At this time, there was a lack of primary care providers, especially in certain areas. Stead, along with many other physicians and educators, realized the need for a new medical professional who would work in collaboration with physicians. These professionals were called Physician Assistants (PAs).

Today, more than 65,000 individuals are in practice as physician assistants in the United States. Under the supervision of a physician, PAs practice medicine and provide health care to patients. Some of the duties performed include the taking of medical histories, the performance of physical examinations, ordering and interpreting diagnostic tests, diagnosing and treating illnesses, performing health maintenance screenings, performing medical/surgical procedures, assisting in surgeries, and in most states, writing prescriptions.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), as published in the 2006–2007 *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, the PA profession is the fourth fastest growing profession. The U.S. Department of Labor projects that, between 2004 and 2014, jobs for PAs will increase by 50 percent. The BLS feels that this “much faster than average” growth of the PA profession is “due to anticipated expansion of the health care industry and an emphasis on cost containment, resulting in increasing utilization of PAs by physicians and health care institutions.”

NSU PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT DEPARTMENT—NAPLES MISSION STATEMENT

- to provide an exemplary educational experience that emphasizes primary medical care, yet enables graduates to demonstrate competency and skill in a variety of clinical environments
- to inspire graduates to pursue lifelong learning
- to foster leadership qualities, which will enable graduates to improve access to quality, affordable health care
- to heighten the stature of the physician assistant profession

letter from the dean



The health care marketplace is undergoing a rapid change. The pace of this change has provided a formidable challenge for institutions that provide the educational programs for future health care professionals.

Nova Southeastern University's College of Allied Health and Nursing is committed to providing the highest quality of education to students in a variety of health care disciplines, including occupational therapy, physical therapy, and physician assistant studies, as well as audiology and the newly added nursing programs. In addition, the college is committed to a lifelong learning philosophy through the Ph.D. in physical therapy and the Dr.OT and Ph.D. in occupational therapy. We also have the bachelor of health science (B.H.Sc.), master of health science (M.H.Sc.), doctor of health science (D.H.Sc.), and transition doctor of physical therapy (T.-D.P.T.) programs, as well as the bachelor of health science—vascular sonography and the master of health science—anesthesiologist assistant specialty courses of study. These degrees for practicing health care professionals are delivered mainly through the use of innovative distance technology.

The Physician Assistant Department offers a program that can be completed in 27 months. The program has an emphasis on primary care, with students completing appropriate clinical rotations throughout the state of Florida. Upon successful completion of the program, students graduate with a master of medical science in physician assistant (M.M.S.) degree. Graduates are able to provide a number of health care services, allowing a greater number of patients access to care.

The College of Allied Health and Nursing is committed to providing health care educational opportunities in formats that meet the needs of prospective students in the community and adequately prepare graduates to assume greater leadership roles in health care delivery systems.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard E. Davis".

Richard E. Davis, PA-C, Ed.D.

Dean, College of Allied Health and Nursing



the physician assistant program

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COURSE OF STUDY The Physician Assistant Program curriculum is completed following a minimum of 90 semester hours of undergraduate coursework, of which 30 semester hours (or equivalent quarter hours) must be upper division.* The comprehensive curriculum, completed in a consecutive manner, is oriented to primary care and prepares the graduate to practice in a wide variety of clinical settings.

The first 14 months of study consist of basic sciences and clinically related didactic courses. All courses are required and must be successfully completed before advancing to the clinical year. During this timeframe, students are generally in class from Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., although there are occasional evening and/or weekend hours.

The department requires all matriculants to complete the entire program at this location because of the highly integrated and compact nature of the curriculum.

The clinical year is devoted to 13 months of clinical training with required clinical rotations in family medicine, emergency medicine, pediatrics, prenatal care/gynecology, surgery, and internal medicine. The students also complete three elective rotations, for a total of nine clinical rotations. The required subject rotations and two of the elective rotations are six weeks in length. The remaining elective rotation is four weeks in length. All required rotations must be completed in the state of Florida. Each student should expect to complete at least one rotation in a rural or underserved area.

Each required rotation has assigned readings and learning objectives. At the end of each required rotation, a written comprehensive subject examination is administered and must be passed. During rotations, students will be supervised by licensed practitioners and will actively participate in patient assessments, perform common laboratory procedures, interpret common diagnostic examinations, and help manage common medical problems. The work hours during clinical rotations are set by the preceptor and can include evening and weekend hours. Students are required to work a minimum of 40 hours per week, although many rotation sites require students to work up to 100 hours per week.

Upon completion of the course of study, students will have earned a master of medical science in physician assistant (M.M.S.) degree.

The role of the physician assistant requires a high level of expertise and responsibility. The applicant must possess the ability and desire to complete a rigorous academic and clinical program and make a commitment to continued learning.

*Upper division is defined as a course number beginning with a 3 or a 4.



notices of accreditation and nondiscrimination

PA programs are accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for Physician Assistants (ARC-PA), Inc. Provisional accreditation is an accreditation status that is awarded to new PA programs by ARC-PA, Inc. for a limited, defined period of time. This provisional accreditation status indicates that the new PA program, at the time of the site visit by ARC-PA, Inc. has demonstrated its ability to implement a PA program that is in compliance with ARC-PA's Standards for Accreditation. Provisional accreditation status does not indicate guarantee of any future accreditation of the program. Once provisional accreditation is achieved, a follow-up provisional visit will occur. This visit will usually occur while the inaugural class is in the clinical phase of the program and is conducted to evaluate the program for continued accreditation.

Accreditation is important, as only graduates of accredited programs qualify to sit for the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination (PANCE), which is required for licensure. All new programs must apply for provisional accreditation before students can be matriculated.

The NSU Physician Assistant Department—Naples has been awarded provisional accreditation by the (ARC-PA). The program will undergo a follow-up provisional accreditation visit in April 2007 with formal notification of the results of the visit by ARC-PA, Inc. in fall of 2007.

Nova Southeastern University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097, Telephone number:

404-679-4501) to award associate's, bachelor's, master's, educational specialist, and doctoral degrees. ■ Consistent with all federal and state laws, rules, regulations, and/or local ordinances (e.g., Title VII, Title VI, Title III, Title II, Rehab Act, ADA, and Title IX), it is the policy of Nova Southeastern University not to engage in any discrimination or harassment against any individuals because of race, color, religion or creed, sex, pregnancy status, national or ethnic origin, nondisqualifying disability, age, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, unfavorable discharge from the military, veteran status, or political beliefs or affiliations, and to comply with all federal and state nondiscrimination, equal opportunity, and affirmative action laws, orders, and regulations.

This nondiscrimination policy applies to admissions; enrollment; scholarships; loan programs; athletics; employment; and access to, participation in, and treatment in all university centers, programs, and activities. NSU admits students of any race, color, religion or creed, sex, pregnancy status, national or ethnic origin, non-disqualifying disability, age, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, unfavorable discharge from the military, veteran status, or political beliefs or affiliations, to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at NSU, and does not discriminate in the administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

curriculum outline

FOR THE MASTER OF MEDICAL SCIENCE IN PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT (M.M.S.) PROGRAM, NAPLES

Start Date June 2008
Length 27 months
Degree Master of Medical Science
in Physician Assistant (M.M.S.)
Didactic 14 months
Clinical 13 months

FIRST SEMESTER: SUMMER I (JUNE–AUGUST)

Course #	Course Title	Lecture	Lab	Credit Hours
PAN 5000	Anatomy	55	38	5
PAN 5100	Physiology	54	n/a	3
PAN 5101	Clinical Pathophysiology	45	n/a	3
PAN 5300	Physical Diagnosis I	42	20	3
PAN 5400	History Taking and Communication Skills	18	n/a	1
PAN 5003	Fundamentals of Medical Imaging	18	n/a	1
PAN 5002	Introduction to the PA Profession	16	n/a	1
TOTAL HOURS		248	58	17

SECOND SEMESTER: FALL (SEPTEMBER–DECEMBER)

Course #	Course Title	Lecture	Lab	Credit Hours
PAN 5200	Microbiology	45	n/a	3
MMS 5403	Legal and Ethical Issues in Health Care	45	n/a	3
PAN 5310	Physical Diagnosis II	36	36	3
PAN 5410	Pharmacology I	38	n/a	2
PAN 5500	Clinical Medicine and Surgery I	112	n/a	7
PAN 5600	Clinical Laboratory Medicine I	20	4	1
MMS 5421	Epidemiology/Biostatistics in Health Care	45	n/a	3
TOTAL HOURS		341	40	22

THIRD SEMESTER: WINTER (JANUARY–MAY)

Course #	Course Title	Lecture	Lab	Credit Hours
PAN 5320	Physical Diagnosis III	60	40	5
PAN 5510	Clinical Medicine and Surgery II	120	n/a	8
PAN 5520	Clinical Medicine and Surgery III	112	n/a	7
PAN 5610	Clinical Laboratory Medicine II	32	n/a	2
PAN 5420	Pharmacology II	72	n/a	4
MMS 5409	Cultural Issues in Health Care	30	n/a	2
PAN 5540	Clinical Psychiatry	45	n/a	3
MMS 5423	Research Methodology	45	n/a	3
PAN 5006	Electrocardiography	18	4	1
TOTAL HOURS		534	44	35

FOURTH SEMESTER: SUMMER II (ADVANCED DIDACTIC; JUNE–JULY)

Course #	Course Title	Lecture	Lab	Credit Hours
MMS 5461	Life Support Procedures and Skills	24	40	3
PAN 5560	Clinical Procedures and Surgical Skills	44	24	3
PAN 5008	Health Promotion and Disease Prevention	22	n/a	1
PAN 5009	PA and Health Care Dynamics	30	n/a	2
MMS 5413	Publication Skills and Medical Research	30	60	4
MMS 5411	Complementary Medicine and Nutrition	30	n/a	2
MMS 5419	Clinical Pharmacology	16	n/a	1
TOTAL HOURS		196	124	16

CLINICAL CURRICULUM: SECOND YEAR (AUGUST–AUGUST)

Course #	Rotation Title	Weeks/Contact Hours	Credit Hours
PAN 6350	Prenatal Care and Gynecology	6 / 270	6
PAN 6330	Internal Medicine	6 / 270	6
PAN 6360	Surgery	6 / 300	6
PAN 6310	Emergency Medicine	6 / 270	6
PAN 6340	Pediatrics	6 / 240	6
PAN 6320	Family Medicine	6 / 250	6
MMS 6411	Elective I	6 / 270	6
MMS 6421	Elective II	6 / 270	6
PAN 6380	Elective III	4 / 160	4
MMS 6601	Graduate Project	n/a	3
TOTAL CONTACT HOURS (second year)		2,300	55

Clinical curriculum is subject to change as directed by the department.

admission requirements

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Prospective students are selected by the Committee on Admissions (COA), which considers the overall qualities of the applicant. Areas of consideration include interpersonal skills, personal motivation, knowledge and understanding of the PA profession, academic performance and level of achievement, life experiences, quality and length of prior health care experience, and recommendations/evaluations. Personal interviews are offered to the most qualified applicants to assess interpersonal and communication skills, maturity, altruistic attitude, and commitment to a PA career.

1. Prior to matriculation, applicants must have completed a minimum of 90 semester hours (or equivalent quarter hours) of specified coursework from a regionally accredited college or university. Of these 90 semester hours, 30 semester hours (or equivalent quarter hours) must be upper division courses (typically defined as a course number beginning with a 3 or a 4). Upper division courses can be courses from any department other than physical education. These courses are of the applicant's choosing; however, upper division science courses are recommended. The program requires the students to earn grades of C (2.0) or better in each of the upper division courses.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.70 and a minimum science GPA of 2.70 on a 4.0 grading scale. Successful applicants in the past have typically had cumulative grade point averages in the range of 3.0 to 3.3 and higher.

2. The college requires the students to earn a grade of C (2.0) or better in each of the following required courses:

COURSE	SEMESTER HOURS
• College algebra (or higher)	3
• English	6
• Humanities/arts	3
• Social sciences	9
• General biology (or zoology) including laboratory	4
• Microbiology including laboratory	4
• General chemistry (I and II) including laboratory	8
• Human anatomy and human physiology	6
• Biochemistry or organic chemistry	3
• Medical terminology	1
• Electives	

Applicants are encouraged to complete their elective coursework in the areas of behavioral, physical, and social sciences or the humanities. Upon review of a student's record, the Committee on Admissions may require additional coursework and testing as a condition of acceptance.

Recommended courses:

COURSE	SEMESTER HOURS
• Biochemistry or organic chemistry laboratory	1
• Anatomy laboratory	1
• Physiology laboratory	1

3. Graduates of foreign institutions where English is not the primary language of instruction must present transcripts showing at least 18 semester hours (or equivalent quarter hours) of study from a regionally accredited college or university in the United States.

Of these 18 semester hours:

- 3 semester hours must be in English composition (courses do not include ESOL)
- 3 semester hours must be in English literature (courses do not include ESOL)
- 3 semester hours must be in public speaking (courses do not include ESOL)

The remaining nine semester hours can be any course of the applicant's choosing (excluding physical education).

4. All applicants are required to submit official scores from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) general test to the Enrollment Processing Service (EPS), attention Physician Assistant Admissions. NSU's school code is 5522. The GRE must have been taken within the past five years and must be taken early enough for official scores to be received in the admissions office by the supplemental application due date of March 31. Applications will not be considered complete without GRE scores.

Testing information for the GRE may be obtained from <http://www.gre.org> or by telephoning (609) 921-9000.

Prior health care experience is highly recommended and is considered for admission. Those applicants who have prior health care experience must submit verifiable information about their experience.

5. All applicants must show evidence of computer skills through coursework or self-study prior to the end of the first term. Students may obtain instruction through the NSU Student Microcomputer Laboratory or other training facilities.

All students are required to have a computer and a printer. **The computer must have the following minimum specifications:**

- Pentium III, 800MHz minimum processor
- 512 MB RAM
- DVD capability with CD-RW
- Sound capability and speakers
- Internet connection with private Internet service provider (ISP) for access from home to the Internet
- Printer

The following are recommended features:

- Video capable of 800 x 600 screen display or better
- Windows 2000/XP/NT or VISTA
- Microsoft Office 2000 with PowerPoint, Word, and Excel minimum
- Surge suppressor electrical outlet

Students will be required to have a handheld device (PDA) with a Palm OS operating system with a minimum of 8 MB of memory prior to the start of the advanced didactic component of the curriculum. The PDA will be essential to completing all required documentation for clinical rotations. Students will undergo a period of training on using the PDA during the advanced didactic semester.

6. Students are required to authorize the NSU Health Professions Division to obtain background check(s), as per the adopted policy of April 22, 2005. Students may also be required by the Health Professions Division to obtain a background check—or authorize clinical training facilities, where appropriate, to conduct the check—and to permit the results of the consumer reporting agency to be provided to the NSU Health Professions Division and/or the clinical training facilities. If the background check(s) reveal information of concern that the NSU Health Professions Division may deem unfavorable, the NSU Health Professions Division will provide the accepted applicant or enrolled student with the Summary of Your Rights Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act and a copy of the report and request that the student provide a detailed written explanation of the information contained in the report, along with appropriate documentation (e.g., police reports). This information must be returned to the NSU Health Professions Division within 10 business days of the date the communication is sent unless another date is specified by the NSU Health Professions Division in its communication with the student.

Offers of admission will not be considered final until the completion of the background check(s) by the NSU Health Professions Division, and where appropriate, by the clinical training facilities, with results deemed favorable. If information received indicates that the student has provided false or misleading statements, has omitted required information, or in any way is unable to meet the requirements for completion of the program, then the admission may be denied or rescinded, the student may be disciplined or dismissed, or the student's enrollment may be terminated.

Following the initial background check(s), students will be asked annually to provide certification relating to any convictions, guilty pleas, or no contest pleas to any criminal offense, other than traffic violations.

application procedures

NAPLES

The CASPA application may be submitted as early as April 15.

1. Apply to CASPA

The Physician Assistant Program participates in the Centralized Application Service for Physician Assistants (CASPA) for the receipt and processing of all applications. CASPA takes no part in the selection of students. CASPA application packets may be obtained and submitted

- online at www.caspaonline.org
- by writing: CASPA
P.O. Box 9108
Watertown, Massachusetts 02471
- by calling CASPA at (617) 612-2080

Questions regarding completion of the online application may be directed to CASPA's email address at apply@caspaonline.org or by calling them. The CASPA application deadline, in order to be considered for admission in June, is March 1, 2008.

2. Send supporting documents to CASPA.

a. All official college transcripts from all undergraduate, graduate, and professional institutions attended must be sent to CASPA directly from the institutions. If the applicant attended or is a graduate of a foreign institution, all coursework from the foreign institution must be evaluated for U.S. institutional equivalence. The official evaluation must be sent directly from the evaluation service. For evaluations, please contact one of the following:

World Education Services

P.O. Box 745

Old Chelsea Station

New York, New York 10113-0745

(212) 966-6311

Web site: www.wes.org

Josef Silny & Associates

7101 SW 102nd Avenue

Miami, Florida 33173

(305) 273-1616

(305) 273-1338 (fax)

Web site: www.jsilny.com

Email: info@jsilny.com

Educational Credential Evaluators

P.O. Box 514070

Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203-3470

(414) 289-3400

Web site: www.ece.org

b. Three letters of recommendation/evaluation:

One letter of recommendation/evaluation must be sent from an individual (other than a relative or friend) such as an academic adviser, professor, coworker, or supervisor.

Two letters of recommendation/evaluation must be from health care professionals (neither of which can be from a relative or friend), one of which must be from a **physician** or a **PA**.

3. Send GRE scores to Nova Southeastern University Physician Assistant Admissions Office.

Official Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores must be submitted directly to Nova Southeastern University, Enrollment Processing Services (EPS), College of Allied Health and Nursing, Physician Assistant Department,

Office of Admissions, 3301 College Avenue, P.O. Box 299000, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33329-9905. The NSU code number is 5522. Your GRE test scores must be less than five years old and must be taken early enough for official scores to be received by the supplemental application deadline of March 31, 2008.

4. Once the CASPA application has been received by Nova Southeastern University, a supplemental application will be mailed.

5. Send completed supplemental application to

Nova Southeastern University
Enrollment Processing Services (EPS)
College of Allied Health and Nursing
Physician Assistant Department Admissions
3301 College Avenue
P.O. Box 299000
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33329-9905

Phone: (954) 262-1109 • Fax: (954) 262-2282

Your complete supplemental application must be received no later than March 31 in order to be considered for admission for the June entering class. Once we receive the GRE scores, the supplemental application, and the \$50 fee, your file will be reviewed by the admissions counselor.

The applicant will not be considered for a possible interview until the application from CASPA, the supplemental application (signed and dated), the \$50 nonrefundable application fee, and the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) test scores are received by the Nova Southeastern University Physician Assistant Office of Admissions.

PERSONAL INTERVIEWS

Once your application is complete, the Committee on Admissions will decide whether or not your application is strong enough to warrant an invitation for a personal interview. Interviews are conducted at the Nova Southeastern University, Naples, Florida, site and are by invitation only. Interviews will be held during the months of September through May. An invitation to interview is not a guarantee of admission.

APPLICATION WITHDRAWAL

If, at any time, you wish to withdraw your application from consideration, please do so in writing. Please direct this correspondence to

Nova Southeastern University
Physician Assistant Program
2655 Northbrooke Drive
Naples, Florida 34119

CURRENT COLLEGE COURSEWORK

All prerequisite coursework must be completed by the end of May in order to be considered for the June entering class. If, at the time of application, coursework is in progress or anticipated, please identify these courses on the supplemental application.

TRANSCRIPTS

All applicants who are accepted must submit official transcripts of all completed coursework to the NSU EPS Physician Assistant Admissions prior to matriculation. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that arrangements are made for these transcripts to be sent to

Nova Southeastern University
Enrollment Processing Services (EPS)
College of Allied Health and Nursing
Physician Assistant Department Admissions
3301 College Avenue
P.O. Box 299000
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33329-9905

UNDERGRADUATE/PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT DUAL-ADMISSION PROGRAM WITH HODGES UNIVERSITY

Nova Southeastern University's College of Allied Health and Nursing has established an articulation agreement with Hodges University for a select number of highly motivated, qualified students interested in pursuing professional studies in the Physician Assistant Program. This allows candidates to receive a bachelor of science (B.S.) degree from Hodges University and a master of medical science (M.M.S.) degree from the Physician Assistant Program at NSU in a five-year period. Candidates must maintain a specified grade point average during the undergraduate year and achieve acceptable scores on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). Students will be awarded a B.S. degree from Hodges University at the end of the first academic year of the PA program and an M.M.S. degree upon completion of the PA program.

For information and requirements, contact

Office of Admissions
Hodges University
2655 Northbrooke Drive
Naples, Florida 34119

(239) 513-1122

additional sources of information

Disclaimer: Links to non-NSU Internet sites are provided for your convenience and do not constitute an endorsement.

- For information on a career as a physician assistant, contact:
American Academy of Physician Assistants Information Center
950 North Washington Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314-1552
www.aapa.org
- For a list of accredited programs and a catalog of individual physician assistant training programs, contact:
Physician Assistant Education Association
300 North Washington Street, Suite 505
Alexandria, Virginia 22314
www.paeonline.org
- For eligibility requirements and a description of the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination, contact:
National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants
157 Technology Parkway, Suite 800
Norcross, Georgia 30092-2913
www.nccpa.net
- For information on employment, employment projections, and compensation statistics, contact:
U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
Postal Square Building
2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE
Washington, D.C. 20212-0001
stats.bls.gov

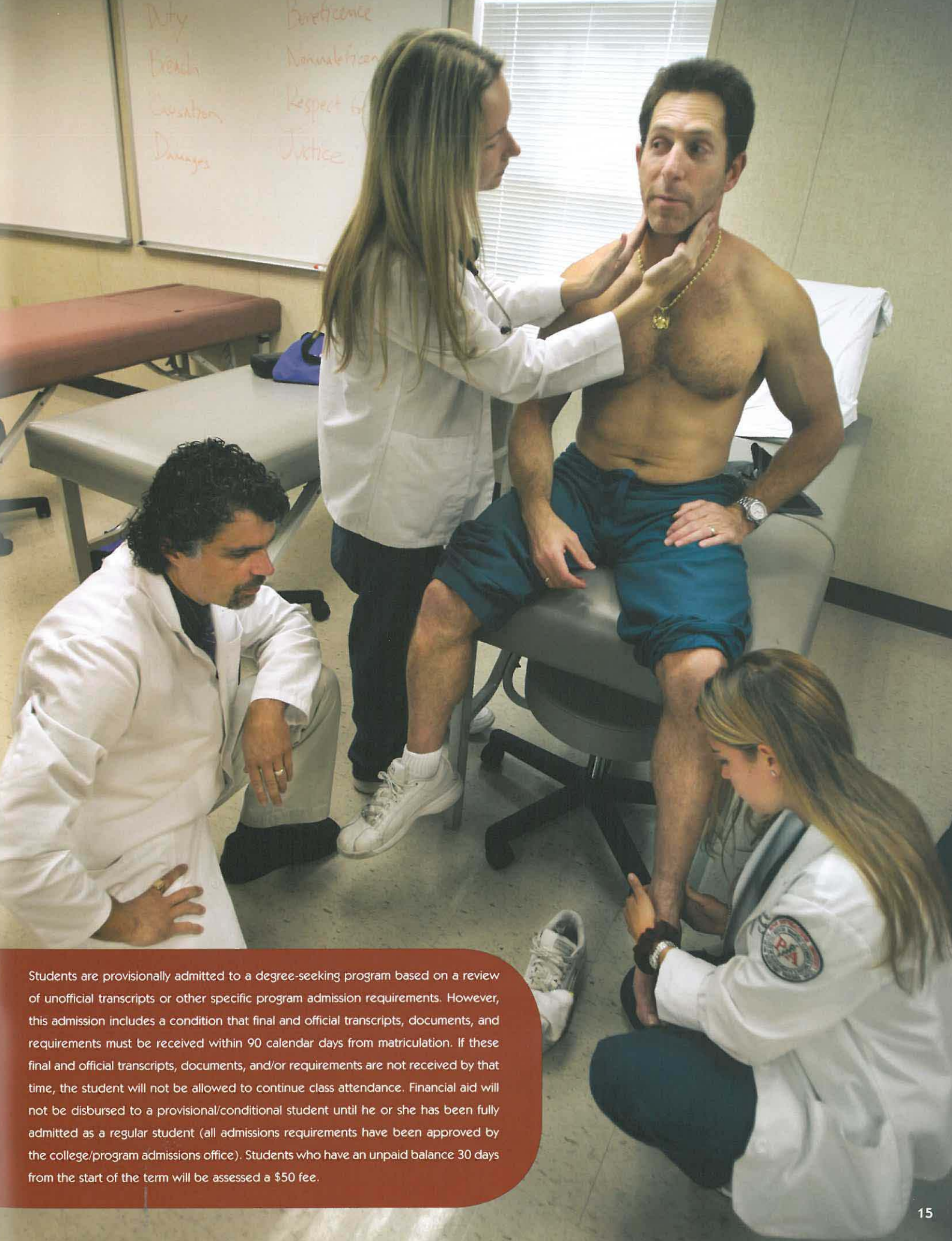


student housing

Nova Southeastern University—Naples does not offer on-campus housing. However, numerous apartments, condominiums, and other rental facilities are located near campus. Information concerning housing may be obtained by contacting

Coordinator of Student Services and Recruitment
Physician Assistant Program
2655 Northbrook Drive
Naples, Florida 34119

(239) 591-4528, ext. 19



Students are provisionally admitted to a degree-seeking program based on a review of unofficial transcripts or other specific program admission requirements. However, this admission includes a condition that final and official transcripts, documents, and requirements must be received within 90 calendar days from matriculation. If these final and official transcripts, documents, and/or requirements are not received by that time, the student will not be allowed to continue class attendance. Financial aid will not be disbursed to a provisional/conditional student until he or she has been fully admitted as a regular student (all admissions requirements have been approved by the college/program admissions office). Students who have an unpaid balance 30 days from the start of the term will be assessed a \$50 fee.

tuition and fees

Tuition for 2008–2009 (subject to change by the board of trustees without notice): \$22,440 for Florida residents and \$23,170 for out-of-state students. A Health Professions Division general access fee of \$145 is required each year. An NSU student services fee of \$750 is also required annually.

1. Acceptance Fee—\$500. This fee is required to reserve the accepted applicant's place in the entering first-year class, but is not refundable in the event of a withdrawal. It is payable within two weeks of an applicant's acceptance.
2. Deposit—\$250. This is due February 15, under the same terms as the Acceptance Fee.
3. Preregistration Fee—\$250. This is due April 15, under the same terms as the Acceptance Fee.

The first semester's tuition and fees, less the \$1,000 previously paid, are due on or before registration day. Tuition for each subsequent semester is due on or before the appropriate registration day. Students will not be admitted until their financial obligations have been met. The financial ability of applicants to complete their training at the college is important because of the limited number of positions available in each class. Applicants should have specific plans for financing 27 months of professional education. This should include tuition, living expenses, books, equipment, and miscellaneous expenses.

Each student is required to carry adequate personal medical and hospital insurance. Students may avail themselves of the hospitalization insurance plan obtainable through the university.

expenses and financial aid

Students should anticipate spending approximately \$25,000 per year for living expenses. In addition, students should anticipate spending \$5,000 for books and equipment during the 27-month program.

The primary financial responsibility for a student's education rests with the student and his or her family. Economic circumstances for some families may make it necessary for the student to obtain assistance from other sources.

The purpose of the Student Financial Assistance Program at NSU is to help as many qualified students as possible to complete their health professions education. Various loans, scholarships, and grants are available to qualified students to help ease the high cost of a health professions education. These financial assistance programs are described in a separate university publication, *The NSU Guide to Student Financial Assistance*. For a copy or information, contact:

Office of Student Financial Assistance
NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
3301 College Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33314-7796
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A limited number of part-time work assignments are available. However, because of the demands of the program curriculum, the program strongly discourages any outside employment.





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